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Book Cable Regarding Release of OSS Documents

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1. DDO

I have rewritten paragraph 1 of the draft cable on the release of OSS documents to reflect the additional comments of the Director. The new paragraph 1 is attached at Tab A and the original cable draft is at Tab B. I believe the Director should review the changes made in paragraph 1 of the cable prior to its release.

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1. Recent Congressional hearings on pending FOIA relief have emphasized the great interest that Americans have in the historical role of intelligence. During the course of those hearings and subsequent negotiations with Congressional Members and staff, concern was expressed that CIA had not been sufficiently responsive to the needs of historians for intelligence information that could be declassified. In fact, Congress conditioned their support for this much needed legislation on CIA instituting a program to declassify records of historical interest. To meet the concerns of the Congress, I agreed last fall to institute a program of selective declassification review of those materials that would be of historical interest and most likely to result in declassification of useful information. I personally believe that such a program would be in the public interest provided that strict measures are taken to ensure the protection of intelligence sources and methods, which is my paramount concern. Pursuant to the commitment I made to the Congress, I have decided that the time is appropriate to release to the public the declassified records of the OSS, which composes an important chapter in the history of American intelligence. We are now arranging to do so through the National Archives and Records Service (NARS).

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[Signature]
1. For your review and comment.

2. We are getting closer to the time when the OSS records will be released--probably sometime in the next several months--so we need to alert stations and certain allies. Since the DCI has provided the impetus, he may want to handle the announcement. The attached draft book cable is intended to suggest a possible approach for discussion with the DCI. We are discussing with the relevant people, but will hold off any final coordination until you let us know.

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